

MUSICAL

The Gracioso of "The Creation"—A Question Concerning Home Talent. Last evening, every available portion of the spacious Horticultural Hall was occupied, the attraction being the rendition of Haydn's magnificent oratorio of "The Creation," in which the choruses were sustained by the Handel and Haydn Society, and the solo parts by Mr. A. R. Taylor, of this city; Mr. George Simpson, of New York; and M'ne Parepa-Rosa, of nowhere in particular, but assuredly not of Philadelphia. We are prepared, with all who were present, to pronounce this rare musical entertainment, an entire success, but little being needed to have rendered it perfection. In truth, it could not well have resulted otherwise. Madame Parepa-Rosa, as an oratorio singer, is even more attractive than in most of her celebrated operatic roles, and there are few, if any, better choruses in the country than the Handel and Haydn Society. When Rossini's "Stabat Mater" was given by a similar combination at the Academy, last winter, the other roles were assigned to Brignoli, Ferranti, and Fortuna, and the indolence of the first, the inevitable vivacity of the second, and the general obtuseness of the last, came near making a failure of the whole affair. But last evening the Handel and Haydn Society were so fortunate as to secure the assistance of one of the most eminent tenors in the country, in the person of Mr. Simpson, while Mr. Taylor possesses a fine bass voice, which fully and triumphantly encountered all the difficulties of his role. But, notwithstanding the great success which was achieved last evening, there was one feature of the affair against which we wish to enter a protest. Ostensibly, "The Creation" was given by the Handel and Haydn Society, assisted by M'ne Parepa-Rosa and her colleagues. The reality was precisely the reverse, and the handbills should have stated that the entertainment was to be given by M'ne Parepa-Rosa, assisted by the Handel and Haydn chorus, etc. We understand that it was the original intention to have the soprano part sustained by another lady, whether of this city or elsewhere we are not informed; but that the presence of the great songstress in Trenton, N. J., on Tuesday evening, led to a successful effort in securing her services for the occasion. We have no objection to listening to M'ne Parepa-Rosa once or twice a week throughout the year; but we sincerely regret that the original scheme was changed by her employment. The Handel and Haydn, and similar musical associations of this city, were organized with the ostensible view of fostering and bringing out home talent; and yet, year after year, they adopt the lamentable device of employing foreign artists, for the sake of overwhelming houses. As a financial experiment it probably pays well, notwithstanding the fact that from \$600 to \$700 were withdrawn from the Handel and Haydn exchequer to pay the exorbitant fees demanded by the eminent artists from abroad who appeared last evening. But if these amateur musical societies are to be thus devoted to a mere agency for the exhibition of foreign professionals, in our opinion their original purposes are being perverted, and they need a re-organization on a more fitting basis. We suppose that we shall be met by the counter-argument that there are no artists in the ranks of our home societies who are capable of sustaining the leading solo roles with sufficient éclat and brilliancy. Even if this were the case, it does not avail the societies which thus habitually depart from the path marked out for them at the beginning. It is just as reasonable to claim that the Walnut Street Theatre would have been crowded to suffocation last evening, if Mr. Edwin Forrest had not been on the boards, and one of the regular stock company had appeared in the disguise of the Cardinal Duke. In all likelihood there would have been a beggarly array of empty benches to reward the audacity of the manager; but it should be remembered that the avowed object of our theatres is to present a succession of stars, to whom the assistance of the stock company is indispensable in more ways than one, while the avowed object of our musical societies, as already stated, is the encouragement and development of home talent. Yet we do not feel disposed to acknowledge that there are no amateur singers resident in this city who are not abundantly qualified, both by nature and training, to interpret all the turns and crooks in Haydn's difficult score, and that with success. The lamented Perelli conclusively established the fact that the great maestros were not above the comprehension of our own amateurs, but we imagine that his success would have been sadly marred if he had impressed Brignoli or Parepa-Rosa into his service. It is only necessary for our musical societies to accept the truth of this demonstration, to bring about a change which will be hailed with joy by all true lovers of music in our midst. We trust that the Handel and Haydn, the Mendelssohn, the Sengerbund, the Mannerchor, and all the rest of our miserably celebrated musical associations, will join in a determined effort to bring about this desirable change. We have not the slightest hesitation in predicting both an artistic and a financial success as the result.

THE COTTON TAX.

An Argument in Favor of its Abolition from the South—The United States Does Not Enjoy a Monopoly of the Production of the Staple. MACON, Ga., Nov. 14, 1867. To the Editor of the Evening Telegraph.—The planters of the South are not disposed to sell their cotton at present. They say (and with truth) it involves ruin to them at present prices. They can only be ruined by their own hands, and they are going to wait and see about it. They do not see, as yet, that they have lost the controlling power of the price of cotton; and the writer of this notice an article in the TELEGRAPH of a recent date, from the New York Tribune, which evinces no more intelligence, or a willful misrepresentation of facts, wherein it justifies the tax of 24 cents per pound, on the ground, principally, that the country has a monopoly. This is so far wrong that it is surprising that any intelligent journalist should put forth any such statement. The statistics are not now in hand, but the crop of East India before the war was about 500,000 bales, and last year 1,500,000 bales; and this year the estimate is near 2,000,000 bales. The same acreage is not in all other cotton-producing regions of the world, because the English Government, in order to develop the resources of their East India possessions, guaranteed to capital invested in railroad enterprises an inter-

rest of 5 per cent. on all money put into the roads there. The consequence has been that a new area of country has been reached and made available for the culture of cotton which hitherto was valueless. The result is seen in the fact of the immense increase of the staple, and the rapid decrease of the soil prices paid to those railway enterprises by Government. This writer is not of the opinion that cotton is going to be higher, or lower, not much, and it may be lower, but is clear on this point, that labor, as at present organized and paid for, will not admit of the raising of No. 1 middling cotton at anything like present prices. Many Northern men who came out here after the war tried it, and notwithstanding the prices were double and triple present ones, raised much money, with less money, but wiser than when they came. The only object in writing this is to correct the impression such articles as referred to are calculated to create. One fact which ought to satisfy any one, is this—now, when there should be the heaviest trade of the year, it does not surpass the trade of July, taking all trades together. Yours truly, J. R. D.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

General Hancock, of Pennsylvania, Proposed for President, and Judge Thurman, of Ohio, for Vice-President. At an informal meeting of some of the Democratic members of the Senate and House last night, a lively discussion arose in regard to who would be the most available candidates for President and Vice-President of the Democrats and conservatives of the country. After a free exchange of opinions, the names of General W. S. Hancock, of Pennsylvania, and Judge Thurman, of Ohio, were settled upon as being the strongest, and most likely to carry sufficient States to insure their election.—Washington Express.

CANADA.

The Habeas Corpus Suspension Act Continued—A Cabinet Crisis at Hand—A Fenian Scare. MONTREAL, Nov. 21.—An uneasy feeling prevails in the city lest the Fenians on the frontier have recourse to retaliatory measures by an incursion and acts of violence on the territory of the Dominion next Saturday (the 23d instant), on account of the hanging of three Fenian convicts in Manchester, England, on that day, by sentence of the Special Commission issued by the Queen. The idea of any Fenian attack in force is ridiculed. The Government newspaper organ says, however, that it is probable that trouble may be made by assaults on individuals and attacks on private houses by the Fenians on that day.

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FIFTH EDITION

IMPORTANT FROM EUROPE. Menabrea Denounces the Action of France.

Dr. Livingstone Alive in April Last

Tortola Disaster Contradicted

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

By Atlantic Cable. FLORENCE, Nov. 21.—The Diet meets on December 5. Ratazzi will surely be chosen President.

It is said Menabrea, in a second note, denounces the action of France. LONDON, Nov. 22.—It is ascertained that the island of Tortola suffered no more than the neighboring islands during the recent hurricanes.

Dr. Livingstone is now known to have been alive and well in mid Africa in April last. LONDON, Nov. 21.—Evening.—The Supply bill has passed the House of Lords.

Fire in New York. NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—3 P. M.—A school-house on Broome street is now on fire.

From Richmond. RICHMOND, Nov. 22.—Jefferson Davis arrived here this morning on the New York steamer, and is stopping at the house of his counsel, Robert Ould.

Ship News. NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Arrived, steamship Corsica, from Havana.

HEARINGS AT THE CENTRAL STATION.—Before Alderman Bettle, at 2 o'clock to-day, John Corson and Joseph Elick were charged with the larceny of four rolls of fabric, the property of Pettit, Nicholson & Co., No. 241 Market street. The particulars of the case will be found elsewhere in our columns. They were held in \$1500 bail for their appearance at Court.

George L. Black and George Manson were charged with entering the millinery store of Mrs. W. C. Cox, No. 149 Chestnut street, on Friday night or early on Saturday morning last, and taking therefrom about \$300 worth of laces, velvets, etc. They were also charged with entering the millinery store of Alexander Moffitt, No. 674 North Twelfth street. He purchased the goods taken from the store of Mrs. Cox of Moffitt. Moffitt was placed upon the witness stand and testified that he got the goods of Black, who represented himself as the owner. They were each held in \$2000 bail for a further hearing.

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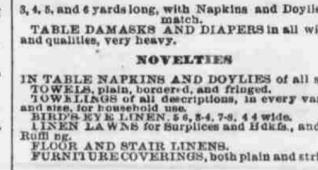
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